

## TOWN OF ST. LEO

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## **Proclamation 15-03**

"Social Work Paves the Way for Change"

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Social Work profession (has been) to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the mostvulnerable in society;

WHEREAS, Social Work Pioneers (have) helped lead America's struggle for social justice and pave the way for positive social change;

WHEREAS, Social work educational principles are founded in the NASW code of ethics and professional conduct;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through major legislative, regulatory, and social policy victories;

WHEREAS, Social Workers support diverse families in every community, understanding that individuals and communities together can bring about group change;

WHEREAS, Social Workers' apply their research and legislative advocacy skills to transform community needs into national priorities;

WHEREAS, Social Workers know from experience that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems;

WHEREAS, Social Workers celebrate the courage, hope and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers;

WHEREAS, Saint Leo University social work students, faculty and staff are committed to the core values of excellence, community, respect, personal development, responsible stewardship, and integrity.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of professional social workers, educators, and social work students and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families and communities everywhere, I Richard Christmas Mayor of the Town of St. Leo, proclaim March 13, 2015 as Saint Leo University Social Work Day and call upon all citizens to join with Saint Leo University and the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of professional social workers, social work educators, and social work students.

Duly adopted and proclaimed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

HEIDH.

Richard H. Christmas, Mayor

Joan Miller, MMC - Town Clerk